



## 2010 VIVA Quad Cities Scholarship Application

### PURPOSE

The purpose of the VIVA Quad Cities Scholarship is to provide a financial assist to Quad Cities-based students pursuing higher education. Awards will be presented at the VIVA Quad Cities Scholarship Banquet on Thursday, September 9<sup>th</sup>.

### ELIGIBILITY

- No relative of a Viva Board of Directors member can apply for this scholarship.
- Applicants must be a resident of Rock Island, Henry or Mercer County in Illinois or Scott County in Iowa. International students, tourists, and/or individuals with a temporary visa are ineligible.
- Applicants must either be applying for admission (as a high school senior or GED student) or currently enrolled in an accredited undergraduate college or university program.
- Applicants must demonstrate a financial need.
- Applications must have a cumulative High School GPA of 2.5 or higher on a 4.0 scale or minimum average of 450 points per section on the GED total score.
- Applicants must consult with the Scholarship Chairperson to determine eligibility if they are enrolled or enrolling in an on-line or correspondence program.

### REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION

- Failure to submit ALL requested information will result in disqualification. Please check-off before sending.
  - Completed Application Form
  - Most recent transcripts with cumulative GPA
  - Copy of 2009 income tax form for applicant
  - Copy of 2009 income tax forms for parents/guardians if applicant is under 22 years old
    - If you or your parents are not filing an income tax return, please contact the Scholarship Committee Chair, Monica Banks-Gunzenhauser, at 563-940-8082.
  - Fall 2009/Spring 2010 Transcripts
  - Two letters of recommendation written in support of this scholarship application
  - Personal essay
  - Personal statement of need
  - A wallet size photo for publicity purposes. Please send your photo with your application.
- All scholarship recipients must volunteer three hours before or after the VIVA Quad Cities Fiesta AND serve a full year on the Viva Quad Cities Fiesta Committee.
- All information that is submitted will be kept in strict confidence and will only be read by the scholarship committee. Income tax forms will be shredded after evaluation is completed.

**SEND TO: VIVA Quad Cities Scholarship Committee  
P.O. Box 1490  
Moline, IL 61266-5881**

### DEADLINE

- Completed applications (including all required materials) must be postmarked **on or before June 28, 2010.**
- **Spring 2010 transcripts MUST be submitted with your application.** If you are unable to submit your Spring 2010 transcripts, please contact Monica Banks-Gunzenhauser at 563-940-8082.



## 2010 Criteria

The VIVA Quad Cities scholars will be selected on the basis of the following criteria:

1. Financial need (family/applicant's income as well as the cost of the applicant's selected college or university will be considered when assessing financial need)
2. Academic achievement
3. Personal qualities and leadership ability
4. Two current detailed letters of recommendation from a teacher/professor, community leader, or an employer (if applicable). These letters must be written specifically to include reference to your eligibility for the 2010 Viva Quad Cities Scholarship (have the writer look at the eligibility criteria). Please follow the guidelines of the Scholarship Recommendation Form. **DO NOT** include recommendation letters from relatives and/or friends.
5. Personal essay
6. Contributions/activities to the Hispanic Community and/or community as a whole
7. Candidates must meet the federal requirements for financial aid (not convicted of a serious misdemeanor or felony)

*No relative of the VIVA Board of Directors is eligible to apply for the 2010 VIVA Quad Cities Scholarship.*

**If you receive a 2010 Viva Quad Cities Scholarship, you must:**

- volunteer for a minimum of three hours either before or after the 2010 VIVA Fiesta.
- agree to serve on the 2011 VIVA Quad Cities Fiesta Committee.

*If you have any questions or need additional applications, please contact Monica Banks-Gunzenhauser at 563-940-8082.*



## 2010 Scholarship Application

### PERSONAL DATA

1. Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First Middle
2. Birth Date: \_\_\_\_\_ 3. Gender  Male  Female
4. Marital Status:  Single  Married  Widowed  Divorced
5. Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Street or P.O. Box City State Zip Code
6. Phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_
7. E-Mail Address(es) \_\_\_\_\_

### ACADEMIC DATA Please attach most current transcripts with cumulative GPA or GED score.

8. High School/GED Students: Name of School \_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Graduation \_\_\_\_\_ Cumulative GPA/GED Total Score \_\_\_\_\_  
College/University you are planning to attend \_\_\_\_\_
9. College/University Students: Name of School \_\_\_\_\_  
Major \_\_\_\_\_  
Total Credits Earned \_\_\_\_\_ Cumulative GPA \_\_\_\_\_
10. List all student honors, activities, community service, etc. (Use the back of this sheet if more space is needed.)  
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### EMPLOYMENT DATA

11. Are you currently employed?  Yes  No
12. If yes  Full Time  Part time
13. Applicant's place of employment \_\_\_\_\_

I certify that all of the information provided is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I understand that all information given will be treated as confidential. All application materials become the property of VIVA Quad Cities, Inc.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_



## 2010 Personal Essay Form

Please return essay with application by **June 28, 2010**  
To: VIVA Quad Cities Scholarship Committee  
P.O. Box 1490  
Moline, IL 61266

**Applicant's Name** \_\_\_\_\_

Please submit one essay addressing **all five** questions mentioned below. Essay must be no more than two double-spaced typewritten pages (font not less than size 12, no cursive or italic print).

- 1) What are your goals as they relate to your education and future plans?
- 2) Describe significant current/past contributions/activities you have made, if any, to the Hispanic community or to the community as a whole?
- 3) How do you envision yourself giving back to the community after you complete your education?
- 4) Why do you feel you should be awarded this scholarship?
- 5) What does "cultural diversity" mean to you?



## 2010 Scholarship Recommendation Form

**Candidate's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

Please respond to each question below. Use the backside of this page or attach additional page. Please print legibly or attach typed letter. This form must be date stamped at the post office no later than June 28, 2010. Failure to submit this letter of recommendation by the due date will disqualify the candidate for a scholarship.

- 1) How long have you known the applicant and in what capacity?
- 2) Why do you believe the applicant will be successful in higher education?
- 3) What are some unique factors that make the applicant especially worthy of receiving scholarship support (talent, self-directed, leadership qualities, community involvement, single-parent home, low-income situation, etc.)?

### REQUIRED INFORMATION

Name of individual writing recommendation: \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Business or Organization: \_\_\_\_\_ Business Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City/State/ZipCode: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Mail to: VIVA Quad Cities Scholarship Committee  
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## **2010 Financial Statement of Need**

Please tell us in your own words of any hardship(s) or special circumstances beyond school expenses that we should consider in our selection process. Examples would be medical expenses (not covered by insurance) or loss of employment, parent or student.



**VIVA QUAD CITIES FIESTA SCHOLARSHIP  
CANDIDATE RATING FORM**

Candidate's Name:

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Candidate's College/University Choice:

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GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

**5 = highest score possible 1 = lowest score possible**

CRITERIA	5	4	3	2	1
Financial Need x 2					
Personal qualities, commitment, and leadership ability					
Recommendation Letters					
Personal Essay					

Additional  
Comments

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**Search Committee Member:**

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**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_